

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

at least one first vertically-oriented plate having a first terminal coupled to a first bottom side;
at least one second vertically-oriented plate having a second terminal coupled to a second bottom side; and
a dielectric body, wherein the first vertically-oriented plate and the second vertically-oriented plate are spaced apart and partially disposed within the dielectric body.

2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a plurality of first vertically-oriented plates coupled to the first terminal; and
a plurality of second vertically-oriented plates coupled to the second terminal, wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates are spaced apart and partially disposed within the dielectric body.

3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates have a height in the vertical direction that is greater than a horizontal thickness of the apparatus including a combined thickness of the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates.

4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates are substantially planar.

5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates are substantially rectangular.

6. (Original) An apparatus, comprising:

at least one first vertically-oriented plate having a first terminal coupled to a first bottom side;
at least one second vertically-oriented plate having a second terminal coupled to a second bottom side; and
a dielectric body, wherein the first vertically-oriented plate and the second vertically-oriented plate are spaced apart and disposed adjacent the dielectric body.

7. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

a plurality of first vertically-oriented plates coupled to the first terminal;
a plurality of second vertically-oriented plates coupled to the second terminal; and
a plurality of dielectric bodies, wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates are spaced apart and adjacent at least one of the plurality of dielectric bodies.

8. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein a vertical surface area of one of the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates is more than twice as large as a bottom surface area of a package housing the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates, the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates, and the plurality of dielectric bodies.

9. (Original) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

a first plurality of pads coupled to the first terminal; and
a second plurality of pads coupled to the second terminal.

10. (Original) A system, comprising:

a power supply having a source terminal and a return terminal;
a receiver coupled to the power supply;
an antenna coupled to the receiver; and
a capacitor having at least one first vertically-oriented plate having a first terminal coupled to a first bottom side and to the source terminal, at least one second vertically-oriented plate having a second terminal coupled to a second bottom side and to the return terminal, and a dielectric body,

wherein the first vertically-oriented plate and the second vertically-oriented plate are spaced apart and disposed adjacent the dielectric body.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the antenna comprises an omni-directional antenna.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the receiver comprises a portion of a transceiver.

13. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
a circuit board coupled to the capacitor, wherein a planar surface of the circuit board is oriented in a substantially horizontal fashion, and wherein the at least one first vertically-oriented plate and the at least one second vertically-oriented plate are oriented in a substantially vertical fashion with respect to the planar surface.

14. (Original) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
a plurality of first vertically-oriented plates coupled to the first terminal;
a plurality of second vertically-oriented plates coupled to the second terminal; and
a plurality of dielectric bodies, wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates are spaced apart and adjacent at least one of the plurality of dielectric bodies.

15. (Original) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
a circuit board coupled to the capacitor, wherein a planar surface of the circuit board is oriented in a substantially horizontal fashion, and wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates are oriented in a substantially vertical fashion with respect to the planar surface.

16. (Withdrawn) A method, comprising:
constructing a capacitor by forming a dielectric body between a first vertically-oriented plate

having a first terminal coupled to a first bottom side and a second vertically-oriented plate having a second terminal coupled to a second bottom side.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, further comprising:
forming a plurality of first vertically-oriented plates to couple to the first terminal; and
forming a plurality of second vertically-oriented plates to couple to the second terminal.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 17, further comprising:
coupling the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates to the first terminal; and
coupling the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates to the second terminal.

19. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein the first vertically-oriented plate and the second vertically-oriented plate comprise nickel, and wherein the dielectric body comprises a ceramic material.

20. (Withdrawn) A method, comprising:
operating a field programmable gate array coupled to a capacitor having a dielectric body disposed between a first vertically-oriented plate having a first terminal coupled to a first bottom side and a second vertically-oriented plate having a second terminal coupled to a second bottom side.

21. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein operating the field programmable gate array further comprises:
executing a plurality of Boolean logic instructions.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein the capacitor further comprises:
a plurality of first vertically-oriented plates coupled to the first terminal; and
a plurality of second vertically-oriented plates coupled to the second terminal.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

operating a transceiver coupled to the field programmable gate array.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 20, wherein a circuit board having a planar surface oriented in a substantially horizontal fashion is coupled to the capacitor, and wherein the at least one first vertically-oriented plate and the at least one second vertically-oriented plate are oriented in a substantially vertical fashion with respect to the planar surface.

25. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a vertical surface area of the at least one first vertically-oriented plate is more than twice as large as a bottom surface area of a package housing the at least one first vertically-oriented plate, the at least one second vertically-oriented plate, and the dielectric body.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a first plurality of pads coupled to the first terminal; and
a second plurality of pads coupled to the second terminal.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:
a plurality of first vertically-oriented plates coupled to the first terminal; and
a plurality of second vertically-oriented plates coupled to the second terminal, wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates are spaced apart and partially disposed within the dielectric body.

28. (New) The system of claim 10, further comprising:
a plurality of first vertically-oriented plates coupled to the first terminal; and
a plurality of second vertically-oriented plates coupled to the second terminal, wherein the plurality of first vertically-oriented plates and the plurality of second vertically-oriented plates are spaced apart and partially disposed within the dielectric body.